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Enclosed herewith is a continuing patent application and the following papers:

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Title of Invention:

SUBSTRATE PREPARATION PROCESS

- Continuation
- Divisional
- Continuation-in-Part

of prior application no. 09/716,507, filed November 20, 2000.

1.
 - Specification 70 pages (including specification, claims, abstract) / 1 claims (1 independent), after entry of the Preliminary Amendment.
2.
 - Declaration/Power of Attorney:
 - Copy from Prior Application (for continuation or divisional application)
 - Newly Executed Declaration (for CIP application)
 - Deferred under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(f)
 - Deletion of Inventor(s) - Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s) named in the prior application, see 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b)
 - Incorporation by Reference - The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a copy of the oath or declaration is supplied is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein
3.
 - 20 Distinct sheets of Formal Informal Drawings

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4. Preliminary Amendment is enclosed.

Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence --This application is a continuation of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/716,507, filed November 20, 2000; which is a continuation of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/244,568, filed February 4, 1999, now Patent No. 6,307,042; which in turn is a continuation of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 08/634,053, filed April 17, 1996, now Patent No. 5,959,098; all of which are hereby incorporated herein by reference.--

5. Information Disclosure Statement

Form 1449

A copy of each cited prior art reference

6. Assignment

Assignment with Cover Sheet attached

Assignment filed in prior application. Application assigned to: **Affymetrix, Inc.** of Santa Clara, CA.

7. Priority is hereby claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119 based upon the following application(s) (provisional and foreign applications):

| Country | Application Number | Date of Filing (day, month, year) |
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8. Priority is hereby claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 120 based upon the following application(s):

| Country | Application Number | Date of Filing (day, month, year) |
|---------|--------------------|-----------------------------------|
| US | 09/716,507 | 20 November 2000 (20.11.00) |
| US | 09/244,568 | 04 February 1999 (04.02.99) |
| US | 08/634,053 | 17 April 1996 (17.04.96) |

9. Priority document(s)

10. Small Entity Statement

Small Entity Statement was filed in prior application.

is attached

is no longer claimed

11. Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission

Computer Readable Copy

Paper Copy (identical to computer copy)

Statement verifying identity of above copies

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12. Calculation of Fees:

| FEES FOR | EXCESS CLAIMS | Fee | AMOUNT DUE |
|--|--------------------|--------|-----------------|
| Basic Filing Fee (37 C.F.R. § 1.16(a)) | | | \$770.00 |
| Total Claims in Excess of 20 (37 C.F.R. § 1.16(c)) | 0 | 18.00 | \$0.00 |
| Independent Claims in Excess of 3 (37 C.F.R. § 1.16(b)) | 0 | 80.00 | \$0.00 |
| Multiple Dependent Claims (37 C.F.R. § 1.16(d)) | 0 | 270.00 | \$0.00 |
| Subtotal - Filing Fee Due | | | \$770.00 |
| | MULTIPLY BY | | |
| Reduction by 50%, if Small Entity (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.9, 1.27, 1.28) | 0.50 | | \$0.00 |
| TOTAL FILING FEE DUE | | | \$770.00 |
| Assignment Recordation Fee (if applicable) (37 C.F.R. § 1.21(h)) | 0 | 40.00 | \$0.00 |
| GRAND TOTAL DUE | | | \$770.00 |

13. PAYMENT is:

- The Commissioner is authorized to debit the instant filing fee, in the amount of \$770.00, and any other fees during the pendency of this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17 and 1.18, to Deposit Account No. 19-0733. A duplicate copy of this letter is enclosed.
- not included, but deferred under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(f)

14. All correspondence for the attached application should be directed to:

15. Other: Application Data Sheets (7 pages); copy of Appointment of Associate Attorneys and Change of Correspondence Address filed in prior application no. 09/244,568; and return postcard.

Date: November 25, 2003

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Enclosures